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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the note by the Secretariat (A/C.2/73/1). Background information on those items can be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/73/100 and A/73/100/Add.1).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, Assembly decision 72/544 on the programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-third session of the Assembly, the provisional agenda of the seventy-third session of the Assembly (A/73/150) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the forthcoming addendum to the present note (A/C.2/73/L.1/Add.1), which will list the documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee.

Statements by delegations

4. The list of speakers for the general debate and the general discussion of individual agenda items will open on Monday, 17 September 2018. The General Assembly, in its decision 65/530, decided to maintain the current time limits of 7 minutes for individual Member States and 10 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general debate of the Second Committee. The Assembly also decided to maintain, as appropriate, the current time limits of 5 minutes for individual Member States and 7 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during debates on individual agenda items.

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Conference facilities and meeting arrangements

5. Unless otherwise specified, meetings of the Second Committee will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The General Assembly has stressed that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. In this regard, it is expected that the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed will be waived.

Informal consultations

6. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal informal consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators/facilitators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" should be considered in its entirety in plenary; subsequently, it was clarified by the General Committee that the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that fall under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the Assembly (see A/59/250/Add.1, para. 4).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 29 November 2018 for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee[1]

Thursday, 4 October 2018

10 a.m.

Organizational meeting

Week of 8–12 October 2018

Monday, 8 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Keynote address

Opening of the general debate

3–6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

Tuesday, 9 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

Wednesday, 10 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

General debate (*continued and concluded*)

***Item 21*: Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

3–6 p.m.

Joint meeting with the Economic and Social Council[2]

Thursday, 11 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

***Item 18*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(a) International trade and development

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt sustainability and development

[1] The numbers of the agenda items as reflected in the draft programme of work correspond to the agenda items of the provisional agenda of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly (A/73/150).

[2] Concept note will be made available on the website of the Committee (www.un.org/en/ga/second/73/events.shtml).

(d) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development

***Item 19*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development (joint consideration)**

Friday, 12 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

***Item 26*: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition**

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 21

Week of 15–19 October 2018

Monday, 15 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

***Item 20*: Sustainable development:**

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) Disaster risk reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme

(h) Harmony with Nature

(i) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

(j) Combating sand and dust storms

Tuesday, 16 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

***Item 20*: Sustainable development and sub-items (a) to (j) (*continued*)**

3–6 p.m.

Side event[3]

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 26

Wednesday, 17 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

***Item 24*: Eradication of poverty and other development issues:**

(a) Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027)

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Friday, 19 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

***Item 22*: Globalization and interdependence:**

(a) Globalization and interdependence

(b) International migration and development

3–6 p.m.

***Item 17*: Information and communications technologies for sustainable development**

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 24 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Week of 22–26 October 2018

Monday, 22 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

***Item 23*: Groups of countries in special situations:**

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

3–6 p.m.

***Item 25*: Operational activities for development:**

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) South-South cooperation for development

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 18 and sub-items (a) to (d) and item 19

[3] Concept note will be made available on the website of the Committee (www.un.org/en/ga/second/73/events.shtml).

Tuesday, 23 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

***Item 25*: Operational activities for development and sub-items (a) and (b)** (*continued and concluded*)

***Item 27*: Towards global partnerships**

3–6 p.m.

Side event[4]

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17 and item 22 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Wednesday, 24 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions

3–6 p.m.

***Item 65*: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 20 and sub-items (a) to (d), and item 23 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Thursday, 25 October

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 25 and sub-items (a) and (b), and item 27

Friday, 26 October

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 65

Week of 29 October–2 November 2018

Monday, 29 October

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 20 and sub-items (e) to (j)

Week of 5–9 November 2018[5]

Tuesday, 6 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

[4] Concept note will be made available on the website of the Committee (www.un.org/en/ga/second/73/events.shtml).

[5] The 2018 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2018 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held on Monday, 5 November 2018.

Thursday, 8 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

Week of 12–16 November 2018

Tuesday, 13 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 15 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 19–23 November 2018

Tuesday, 20 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 21 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 26–30 November 2018

Tuesday, 27 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

***Item 138*: Programme planning**

Action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 28 November

3–6 p.m.

***Item 124*: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly**

Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 29 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee